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Maternity and Child-welfare Centres in the Province.

*176 Q- MRS. M.N. CLUBWALA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state---

(a) the number of maternity and child-welfare centres run in the Province (districtwar);

(b) the amount of grants made from Provincial funds and the rules governing such grants:

(c) whether the Government have under consideration any programme for increasing the number of maternity and child-welfare centres, and if so, what the programme is;

(d) whether private bodies such as Red Cross Society and other associations are also assisted to run these centres;

(e) what is the nature of help given to these private bodies and

(f) whether the Government have under consideration proposals to co-ordinate the work of all organizations to obtain maximum results?

The Hon. SRI A. B. SHETTY:- "(a) The following statement will show it:-

Districts.		Number.	Districts		Number
Anantapur	..	6	Madura	..	15
Bellary	..	4	Malabar	..	10
Chingleput	..	23	The Nilgiris	..	6
Health Unit (Govern--ment)	..	4	North Arcot	..	11
Chittoor	..	5	Ramnad	..	7
Coimbatore	..	24	Salem	..	23
Cuddapah	..	3	South Arcot	..	13
Godavari, East	..	9	South Kanara	..	19
Godavari, West	..	14	Tanjore	..	21
Guntur	..	8	Tinnevelly	..	14
Kistna	..	14	Trichinopoly	..	9
Kurnool	..	1	Vizagapatnam	..	7
Madras City	..	21			
			Total	..	291

(b) The following amounts of grants were made from Provincial funds during the past five years:-

Year		Amount of grants. Rs	
1941-42	..	84,031	
1942-43	..	98,427	
1943-44	..	1,04,150	
1944-45	..	1,22,797	
1945-46	..	1,49,160	
1946-47	..	1,99,200	(Budget Estimate 1947-48)

"A grant equivalent to one-fourth of the actual expenditure incurred by the local bodies on maternity and child-welfare work during the previous year is given.

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* (c) Yes, Under the Post-war Scheme No.92 it is proposed to open one hundred and fifty primary health centres in the first five-year period. Each primary centre will have a staff of one Health Visitor two midwives and a maternity home of four beds. There will be a Woman Medical Officer (Maternity and Child-welfare) for maternity and a child-welfare work in connexion with ten such centres, Post-war Scheme No.37 provides for the training of 100 Health Visitors in each of the first five post-war years. Government proposes also to lower the qualifications of candidates for appointment as Health Visitors and provide for their training on a linguistic basis. In 1947-48 three centres for the training of Health Visitor - one at Guntur for 25 Telugu candidates, one at Madura for 25 Tamil candidates and the third at Madras for 50 candidates of all linguistic groups are proposed to be opened. Government have also decided to increase the existing maintenance grant for maternity and child-welfare centres run by local bodies from 25 per cent to 50 per cent of the expenditure incurred, in the case of local bodies which cannot meet three fourths of the cost from their own funds.

(d) Yes.

(e) The information is furnished below:-

Name of the private body.	Amount of grant. Rs	By whom given.
Red Cross Society M & C.W. centre ..	200	District Board, Nellore
St. Mary's Convent Creche, Nellore .	1,200	Government.
Indian Red Cross Society Velontary Health Centre, Cocanada. ..	100	Municipal Council, Cocanada.
Mettur Township Committee ..	87	Government (1944-45)
-Do- ..	253	Do (1945-46)
Saidapet Health Association. ..	250	Municipal Council, Saidapet.
Baby Welcome Home, Trichinopoly ..	300	Municipal Council, Trichinopoly.
Tuticorin Ladies' Association M & C.W. Centre. ..	1,200	Municipal Council, Tuticorin.
St. Anne's Ayyampet Child Welfare Centre ..	200	District Board, Tanjore
Servants of India Society, Pudupon-nani ..	228	Government.

"The question is not clear. If the question is whether the Government will give grants to all approved private institutions for running the centres, the answer is 'Yes! No one can possibly object to- co-ordination in principle."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:- "May I know from the Hon. Minister for Public Health whether the post-war period has begun in respect of this scheme or is it yet to begin?"

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY:- " It has begun, Sir." (Laughter)

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Please see the extract from the proceedings of the cl. on page 25-27 c.f. No action seems called for. May be recorded.

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